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1. THE FOLLOWING IS RWANDA PRESS GUIDANCE (AF AND PRM),  
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GAMBIA PRESS GUIDANCE (AF), AND SOMALIA PRESS GUIDANCE  
(AF).

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2. AF PRESS GUIDANCE - RWANDA: RADIO STATION
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Q: WHAT IS THE STATUS OF RADIO MILLES COLLINES? ARE WE  
SUPPLYING THE FRENCH WITH EQUIPMENT TO COUNTER THE RADIO  
BROADCASTS? ARE WE STARTING OUR OWN RADIO BROADCASTS:

A: WE UNDERSTAND THAT RADIO MILLES COLLINES IS NO LONGER  
BROADCASTING. FRENCH OFFICIALS SAID THAT IF THESE RADIO  
STATIONS WERE IN THE FRENCH ZONE OF RWANDA, MEASURES WOULD  
BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT THE BROADCASTS WOULD BE STOPPED.  
THE FRENCH HAVE INDICATED THAT NECESSARY MEASURES HAVE  
BEEN TAKEN TO STOP THE BROADCASTS, AND THAT RADIO STATIONS  
URGING PEOPLE TO FLEE HAD NOT BEEN BROADCASTING FOR OVER

48 HOURS.

THE FRENCH HAVE NOT ASKED FOR ANY EQUIPMENT FROM THE  
UNITED STATES.

A DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ASSESSMENT TEAM NOW IN ZAIRE WILL  
BE CONSIDERING RADIO MESSAGES AS ONE OF MANY COMPONENTS IN  
OUR OVERALL ASSISTANCE TO ALLEVIATE THE RWANDAN REFUGEE  
CRISIS IN ZAIRE.

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Q: HOW WAS THE RWANDAN MILITARY DISARMED IN GOMA? WHAT ARE THEIR PLANS TO REGROUP?

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A: ZAIRIAN FORCES HAVE MADE EVERY EFFORTS TO DISARM RWANDAN MILITARY FORCES AND MILITIA MEMBERS IN ZAIRE, HOWEVER, THE OVERWHELMING NUMBERS OF REFUGEES HAVE MADE THIS TASK EXTREMELY DIFFICULT. THERE IS SERIOUS CONCERN OVER THE PRESENCE OF ARMED RWANDANS AMONG THE REFUGEES IN GOMA.

WE DO NOT HAVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THE PLANS OF RWANDAN MILITARY FORCES.

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3. PRM PRESS GUIDANCE - RWANDA: REFUGEES UPDATE  
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Q: WOULD YOU PROVIDE US WITH AN UPDATE ON RWANDAN REFUGEES?

A: 2.3 MILLION RWANDANS HAVE TAKEN REFUGE IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES:

ZAIRE: 2.2 MILLION:

1.2 MILLION IN GOMA AREA  
600,000 IN BUKAVU  
400,000 IN UVIRA

BURUNDI: 210,000

TANZANIA: 460,000

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UGANDA: 10,500

HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS MORE PEOPLE FROM THE FRENCH SAFE ZONE INSIDE RWANDA ARE REPORTED TO BE MOVING TOWARD ZAIRE.

Q: WHAT IS THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND IN GOMA?

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A: THE RWANDAN REFUGEE EMERGENCY IS UNPRECEDENTED. IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS, OVER 2.2 MILLION NEW REFUGEES HAVE ARRIVED IN ZAIRE.

THE CONTINGENCY PLANNING AND STOCKPILING HAVE CLEARLY BEEN OUTSTRIPPED BY THE MASSIVE EXODUS.

A FAST-SPREADING CHOLERA EPIDEMIC HAS BROKEN OUT. MANY HUNDREDS OF REFUGEES HAVE ALREADY DIED AND FEARS ARE THAT THE HUNDREDS WILL RAPIDLY BECOME THOUSANDS.

CRITICAL AND EXTREMELY URGENT NEEDS ARE FOR WATER, PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES, FOOD, SHELTER, AND SANITATION.

ACCORDING TO WORLD FOOD PROGRAM AND UNHCR AT LEAST 600 TONS OF FOOD AND ONE MILLION GALLONS OF WATER PER DAY ARE NEEDED FOR THE REFUGEES IN THE GOMA AREA ALONE.

U.S. CONTRIBUTIONS:

Q: WHAT IS THE U.S. DOING TO HELP? WHAT ABOUT CRITICISMS THAT THE U.S. DIDN'T MOVE FAST ENOUGH?  
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A: THE PRESIDENT SENT BRIAN ATWOOD, U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (USAID) ADMINISTRATOR AND THE PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL COORDINATOR FOR INTERNATIONAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE, TO THE REGION TO ASSESS THE SITUATION LAST WEEKEND.

THE PRESIDENT IS EXPECTED TO MAKE A STATEMENT LATER TODAY ON THE U.S.'S RESPONSE TO THIS TRAGIC SITUATION.

THE U.S. HAS BEEN PROVIDING RELIEF ASSISTANCE SINCE THE CRISIS BEGAN IN APRIL THIS YEAR AND IS RESPONDING RAPIDLY TO THIS NEW AND MASSIVE OUTFLOW OF REFUGEES.

THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BEGAN THE FIRST OF ANOTHER 78 HUMANITARIAN AIRLIFT MISSIONS YESTERDAY FLYING FOOD BLANKETS, PLASTIC SHEETING, TRUCKS AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES INTO GOMA.

THESE ARE IN ADDITION TO THE 100 AIRLIFTS OF ALMOST 2,800 TONS OF RELIEF SUPPLIES CARRIED OUT BY DOD SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE RWANDA CRISIS EARLY THIS YEAR.

THE U.S. IS ALSO FLYING IN 20 MILLION ORAL REHYDRATION

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PACKETS TO HELP COMBAT THE CHOLERA EPIDEMIC. THESE WILL ARRIVE IN GOMA TONIGHT.

THE U.S. CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL IS SENDING FOUR DOCTORS TO GOMA THIS WEEK.

MR. ATWOOD ANNOUNCED AN ADDITIONAL DOLLARS 41.4 MILLION  
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CONTRIBUTION TO THE RWANDA CRISIS YESTERDAY:

DOLLARS 20.6 MILLION TO PURCHASE AND TRANSPORT 30,000 METRIC TONNES OF EMERGENCY FOOD COMMODITIES;

DOLLARS 6 MILLION TO FUND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS AND UN AGENCIES RELIEF PROGRAMS;

DOLLARS 8.2 MILLION FOR LOGISTICAL SUPPORT;

DOLLARS 6.5 MILLION TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN, DISPLACED PERSONS, AND TO COMBAT AIDS AND OTHER DISEASES IN THE CAMPS.

THIS FUNDING IS IN ADDITION TO THE DOLLARS 35 MILLION DOLLARS ANNOUNCED ON JULY 18: DOLLARS 16 MILLION FROM USAID/OFDA AND DOLLARS 19 MILLION FROM THE EMERGENCY REFUGEE AND MIGRATION ASSISTANCE FUND.

A U.S. GOVERNMENT INTERAGENCY TEAM IS IN GOMA ASSESSING LOGISTICAL AND MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS INCLUDING EXPANDING THE AIRPORT'S CAPACITY TO HANDLE ADDITIONAL FLIGHTS AND DEPLOYING MILITARY PERSONNEL TO ASSIST WITH THE RELIEF EFFORTS.

THE TEAM WILL IDENTIFY AND ASSESS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, ALL C-130 CAPABLE AIRFIELDS IN THE ZAIRE-BURUNDI-RWANDA BORDER AREAS. IT WILL ALSO SURVEY GROUND TRANSPORTATION ROUTES AND POTENTIAL LOCATIONS TO ESTABLISH FOOD WATER AND MEDICAL DISTRIBUTION POINTS.

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THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE IN RESPONSE TO THE RWANDA CRISIS SINCE APRIL 1994 NOW STANDS AT OVER DOLLARS 150 MILLION.

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## UNITED NATIONS ACTIVITIES:

Q: WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THE UNITED NATIONS AIRLIFT OPERATION?

A: UNHCR IS COORDINATING A MASSIVE HUMANITARIAN AIRLIFT IN AN OPERATION SIMILAR TO THAT CONDUCTED FOR SARAJEVO.

THE MULTI-NATIONAL AIR OPERATIONS CELL, BASED IN GENEVA, IS NOW COORDINATING THE FLOW OF AIRCRAFT IN AND OUT OF GOMA AIRPORT.

THE U.S., GERMANY AND BRITAIN HAVE OFFERED PLANES FOR THE AIRLIFT.

Q: WHAT INFORMATION DO YOU HAVE ABOUT A UN APPEALS AND A PLEDGING CONFERENCE?

A: THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES (UNHCR) IS COORDINATING THE INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE TO THIS CRISIS.

A UNITED NATIONS INTERAGENCY APPEAL ON RWANDA WILL BE LAUNCHED TODAY IN NEW YORK AND GENEVA SIMULTANEOUSLY.

A CONFERENCE WITH DONOR GOVERNMENTS WILL BE HELD IN GENEVA IN EARLY AUGUST.

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4. AF PRESS GUIDANCE - SOMALIA: SITUATION UPDATE  
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Q: ARE THERE PLANS TO CLOSE USLO?

A: AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE EXPLAINED YESTERDAY DURING TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE, DETERIORATING SECURITY CONDITIONS HAVE BROUGHT US CLOSE TO SEVERAL "TRIPWIRES" THAT MIGHT LEAD TO A REASSESSMENT OF OUR PRESENCE IN MOGADISHU.

ANY DECISION REGARDING THE FUTURE OF USLO MUST ALSO WEIGH THE POTENTIAL IMPACT ON OTHER UNOSOM CONTRIBUTORS AND ON THE VIABILITY OF THE ENTIRE UNOSOM MISSION. THAT MISSION HAS ACHIEVED SIGNIFICANT HUMANITARIAN ACCOMPLISHMENTS PARTICULARLY THE ALLEVIATION OF FAMINE CONDITIONS.

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OUR DECISION WILL ALSO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE SCHEDULED SECURITY COUNCIL REVIEW OF THE UNOSOM OPERATION AS WELL AS THE RESULTS OF MEETINGS BETWEEN USLO OFFICIALS AND KEY FACTION LEADERS IN SOMALIA.

Q: IS THERE A DOS/DOD DISPUTE OVER WITHDRAWAL OF THE FAST MARINES?

A: BOTH WE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ARE COMMITTED TO ENSURING THE SECURITY OF USG PERSONNEL WHO REMAIN IN MOGADISHU IN SUPPORT OF U.S. POLICY GOALS IN SOMALIA. WE CONTINUALLY CONSULT WITH THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT TO

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DETERMINE THE BEST WAY TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL.

Q: WHAT WERE THE HIGHLIGHTS OF A/S MOOSE'S TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SASC YESTERDAY?

A: THE HEARING WAS CALLED TO DISCUSS THE SECURITY SITUATION IN SOMALIA, PARTICULARLY AS IT AFFECTS USG PERSONNEL IN COUNTRY. A/S MOOSE DESCRIBED "THE DETERIORATION OF SECURITY CONDITIONS" IN MOGADISHU AND THE "GLACIALLY SLOW PACE" OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AMONG CLAN LEADERS.

UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS, THE FAST MARINES ARE INTEGRAL TO THE USLO MISSION AND ITS SECURITY, ALTHOUGH WE CONTINUE TO CONSIDER A CONTRACT GUARD FORCE OPTION.

OUTSIDERS, INCLUDING THE US, REMAIN WILLING TO HELP, BUT SOMALIA'S FUTURE IS UP TO THE SOMALIS THEMSELVES. BUT IN THE ABSENCE OF SERIOUS IMPROVEMENTS SOON, WE MAY WELL BE OBLIGED TO RECONSIDER THE VALUE OF OUR PRESENCE IN MOGADISHU.

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5. AF PRESS GUIDANCE - GAMBIA: SITUATION UPDATE  
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Q. WHAT INFORMATION DO YOU HAVE ON REPORTED DISTURBANCES IN THE GAMBIA THAT BEGAN TODAY?

A: SOLDIERS AND POLICE HAVE SEIZED THE AIRPORT AND HAVE SURROUNDED THE STATE HOUSE. ALTHOUGH THERE ARE REPORTS OF

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SOME SHOOTING, WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY CASUALTIES. THIS ACTION MAY BE RELATED TO ISSUES SUCH AS PAY AND WORKING

CONDITIONS. THE SOLDIERS AND POLICE REPORTEDLY ASKED TO TALK TO THE POLICE INSPECTOR GENERAL.

Q: IS THIS A COUP D' ETAT?

A: IT APPEARS TO BE A MUTINY. THE ARMY AND POLICE HAVE NOT BEEN PAID IN THREE MONTHS.

Q: HOW MANY AMERICANS ARE IN THE COUNTRY?

A: THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 380 AMERICAN CITIZENS IN THE GAMBIA, INCLUDING 143 U.S. MISSION PERSONNEL AND THEIR DEPENDENTS.

AMERICANS ARE REPORTED TO BE SAFE.

THE AMBASSADOR HAS ACTIVATED THE WARDEN SYSTEM.

Q: WHO IS THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR

A: ANDREW WINTER IS THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR. HE IS A CAREER FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER.

Q: WHAT ABOUT THE REPORTS OF A US NAVAL VESSEL IN GAMBIA?

A: THE USS LA MOURE COUNTY IS CURRENTLY IN GAMBIA AS PART OF ITS WEST AFRICA TRAINING CRUISE.

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Q: ARE ANY GAMBIAN OFFICIALS ABOARD THE SHIP?

A: I WILL HAVE TO CHECK.

Q: WHAT ABOUT THE NASA PEOPLE? IS THE AIRPORT CLOSED?

A: THE AIRPORT IS CLOSED. THE NASA PERSONNEL AT THE SHUTTLE ALTERNATE LANDING SITE ARE SAFE. THEIR VEHICLE WAS TAKEN FROM THEM BY THE MUTINEERS WHO CONTROL THE AIRPORT. THE NASA PERSONNEL ARE NOW AT THE US EMBA S.

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